

WITNESSES SAY THE BEEF WAS PUTRID.

Chicago Bell Boy Testifies That He Saw a Man Doctoring the Carcasses.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
CHICAGO, March 22.—The Court of
Inquiry investigating army beef ex-
amined today Lieutenant J. D. L.
Hartman of the First Cavalry, who
was acting Regimental Quartermaster,
while the regiment was stationed at
Lakeland, Fla. He testified that re-
frigerator beef was received from Ar-
mour & Co. It was brought to Fort
Lakeland in cars. At that time it was
very good and there was no objection
to it, but in three or four days it be-
gan to get poor in quality. In two
instances a board of supervisors re-
jected it. In one case the witness re-
jected a whole carload. The stench
was observable before the car was
opened. The beef was not received,
because decomposition had set in. The
rejected beef was not accounted for in
the vouchers.

He had no recollection of any con-
versation between Sergeant Mason, his
clerk, and the representative of Ar-
mour & Co. Mason had charge of the
delivery of the meat to the troops. The
witness had no recollection of
saying anything to him with reference
to meat preservation. If he had seen
anything, witness thought he would
recollect it. He had no recollection
of any conversation with Armour's
representative on that subject. He
had no reason to believe that the beef
had been prepared with preservatives
or chemicals. The selling was due,
he thought, to the fact that the meat
had been delayed and would not hold
up after exposure. After the rejection
of a carload the agent of Armour said
nothing about the way in which the
meat had been shipped. The agent
tried to get the meat shipped in ice.
In some cases ice was put in with
the beef, but this gave the meat a
silly, repulsive appearance, and it
was rejected. Witness then got an
authority to buy beef in the open mar-
ket.

David A. Fetschman testified that he
was employed as bell boy at the Hotel
Morrison, Chicago, during the month
of June, 1898.

"The day in June," he said, "A gen-
tlemen in room 131 asked me if I
would be at leisure to go to the stock-
yards with him. I went out there
with him and had to carry two boxes.
He went out to see some man about
meat, he told me. We took the boxes
and went to a place where there were
three or four rows of meat. In each
of the boxes there were four small
packages containing, as I recall it, a
black or rather light gray colored
substance. He put this into perforated
cans, saying that for that purpose was
fire to it and placed it under the meat.
I asked him what that was done for,
and he said it was done as an experi-
ment to preserve the meat. The next
day I was to go back and get the cans.
I asked him whether it was to kill
germs, or anything like that, but he
said no, simply to preserve the meat.
I put my finger on the meat and tasted
it and it burned the end of my
tongue. I called attention to the fact
that the meat looked rather larger than
the other meat, but he said that was
that was simply an enlargement of the
meat from the ice. There was a
sulphurous smell in the car and an-
other odor which I cannot describe. I
took the cans back to the hotel.

"I noticed in one of the cans there
was a card marked Tampa, Fla. This
was at Armour's packing house. There
was only one car; there were only
about three rows of beef. I think it
was halves. I asked him who he was
and if I am not mistaken he told me
he was Quartermaster or Quarter-
master-General, or something like that.

He was about five feet ten inches
tall, wore eye glasses, and I should
judge was about 45 years of age. He
wore a uniform, but dressed in plain
clothes. I understand from what he
said that he had some connection with
the military service."

Dr. E. E. Murdoch, who was for two
years president of the medical depart-
ment of the Chicago Health Department,
and is an analytical chemist, was the
next witness. He stated that he had
made several examinations of both
canned and refrigerated beef dating
back several years. In the latter part
of June, 1898, he examined some canned
meat brought to him to determine its
character. He found that the meat
was apparently boiled beef. It prob-
ably had been boiled before it was
sealed in the can, and somewhat after.
There was in the can quite a quantity
of fat, called salt petre.

These preservatives, said the wit-
ness, must have been in the can before
the boiling was complete, because it
had saturated the fiber of the meat and
hardened it. In his report to the gen-
eral he stated that the meat, he stated
that this was a great objection to
canned meat; it should be cooked with-
out salt in order to be nutritious; the
seasoning should be placed in it or on
it after the cooking is complete.

With reference to the examination of
fresh beef the witness said that at
three different times there were brought
to him pieces of what seemed to be
ordinary meat from the markets, which
evidently had been kept for some time,
and he found in a very small quantity,
said Dr. Murdoch, "and some of the meat
was coated with boric acid. In other
specimens I found that they had been
coated with a preparation of salicylic acid

VICTIMS OF THE OMAHA HORROR.

No Hope for Two of the Injured Women Entertained.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
OMAHA, Mar. 22.—Most of the injured
in yesterday's fire are progressing well.
Mrs. Thomas, who was injured by jump-
ing from a window, is still unconscious,
and no hopes are entertained of her re-
covery. Mrs. Sullivan, also injured by
jumping, is the only other one whose con-
dition is considered dangerous at this
time, and no hopes are entertained of her
recovery.

The coroner will hold an inquest on the
remains of the dead tomorrow. The
building was a fire trap, and an effort will
be made to locate the responsibility for
allowing it to be continued in such a
manner. There were also suspicions that
the fire may have been of incendiary ori-
gin, as several people have informed the
coroner that two men were seen to tur-
bidly emerge from the basement near the
foot of the elevator shaft a few moments
before the fire was discovered.

BODIES TAKEN FROM THE RUINS.

Unclassified Bones in Windsor Hotel Ashes.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
NEW YORK, March 22.—Work was
continued all night among the ruins of
the Windsor Hotel, even with the rain
and snow falling.

A number of bodies were taken out
of the Fifth avenue side this morning,
somewhat near the place where there
was a body found yesterday.

Some bones were removed from another
place, but there was not sufficient
evidence to make up a body. Some cor-
set steels found about led to the belief
that the body was that of a woman,
though the bones did not belong to any
of the bodies found yesterday. The
fact that they were all separate from
one another led workmen to designate
them as a body. None of the bones
could be classified. Bones were found
now and then during the night in
various parts of the ruins. The bones
were found one at a time, and there
was not a great many in all. In many
cases they could not be classified.

E. M. Burke from Boston, whose
name appeared in the list of Windsor
guests who were missing after the fire
of last Friday, is safe.

KIDNAPERS INDICTED.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
CHICAGO, Ill., Mar. 22.—The Grand Jury
today indicted John Collins and Ann In-
gersoll, who are under arrest at Paynes-
ville, Ohio, for kidnaping little Gerald
Lupiner. The indictment was drawn un-
der the section which makes the abduc-
tion of a child under 12 years of age a
felony. Requisition papers will be issued,
and officers will go to Paynesville to
bring Collins and the Ingersoll woman to
Chicago for trial.

A MURDERESS PAROLED.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
KOKOMO, Ind., March 22.—Mrs. Au-
gusta Schmidt, the German Baroness
convicted of murder five years ago and
sentenced to ten years' imprisonment,
has been paroled by Governor Mount,
out of consideration for her small chil-
dren.

Her defense at the trial was that the
killing occurred in repulsion, a criminal
assault.

She is the daughter of the late Jo-
hanna Schilling of Seewick, Sax-
ony. While en route to America her
father died at sea. Her mother mar-
ried Walter Hooper of this city. The
Baroness inherited an estate of \$260,000.

Tod Sloan Comes in Second.

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The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
LONDON, March 22.—The Brooklyne-
by stakes, at the third day's racing of
the Lincoln spring meeting today were
won by Hulcot.

Styria, with Sloan up, was second,
and Crowten was third. Fourteen
horses ran. The betting previous to the
start was 9 to 4 against Styria.

The Doddington stakes were won by
E. Carlton's 4-year-old chestnut colt
Flavius, by Hampton, out of Aloana.
Sir Wladie Griffiths' 6-year-old Bess
Elyen Agins, ridden by Tod Sloan, and
the favorite, was third. The field
was five horses.

This event is a walter handicap of
250 sovereigns, by subscription of five
sovereigns each, three forfeit for 3-
year-olds and upward, second horse to
receive ten sovereigns out of the
stakes. Distance of mile and a quarter.
The betting was 6 to 4 for Elyen Agins.

Texas Pacific Bonds.

Associated Press Dispatches by
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NEW YORK, Mar. 22.—An official cir-
cular will shortly be issued offering to Texas
Pacific second bondholders certain terms
of exchange on St. Louis Iron Mountain
1 per cent bonds. It is stated that these
bonds have not yet been finally fixed.
Current rumor places them at 62 1/2 on Iron
Mountain 4 per cent bonds for Texas Pa-
cific seconds.

Relieving Stranded Steamer.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
GIBRALTAR, March 22.—The French
steamer Burgundia, from New York for
Marseilles, reported yesterday ashore
near Gibraltar, is discharging part of
her cargo.

EUROPEAN CARAVAN ATTACKED

A Fierce Battle in Sahara Desert.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
ALGIERS, March 22.—The Tele-
gramme Algerien announces that a
number of Arabs arrived at Ghardaia
yesterday. Ghardaia is situated about
300 miles south of Algiers in the Sahara
desert, and it was further announced
that a band of Touaregs recently at-
tacked a European expedition which is
on its way to Air, in the Sahara de-
sert, and that after a fierce fight the
Touaregs were beaten off.

The expedition lost 100 men killed and
part of its caravan was captured.

The paper adds that the expedition
must be Gouraud-Lay's expedition,
which is said to be the only European
party at present in the Sahara. When
last heard from it had arrived at Asion.
Moreover, it is said in confusion there
are certain other grave indications
tending to confirm the news.

KILLED IN A TRAIN WRECK.

Passengers Badly Hurt and Engineer Perishes.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 22.—The
 Erie Limited jumped the track at Rit-
ter, ten miles west of Akron, early
today, the engine and baggage car go-
ing into the ditch. Engineer Wallace
Logan was instantly killed.
Fireman Barney Ward was dangerously
injured. Five coaches, including
two sleepers, were thrown into the
ditch, the engine and three cars be-
ing demolished. The following passen-
gers were injured:

Frank C. Wilson, Cincinnati, leg broken
and badly injured on body; H.
White, caught under car; internally in-
jured.

Many others were slightly hurt. The
wreck was caused by the breaking of
a driving rod on the engine.

Pennsylvania Deadlock.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
HARRISBURG, Pa., March 22.—The
fifty-fifth ballot for United States Sen-
ator taken today resulted: Quay 93,
Jenks 15, Dalzell 18, Stewart 7, Irvin 4,
Stone 4, Huff 3, Riker 1, Rice 1, Wide-
ner 3, Smith 2, Markie 1, Grow 1, to-
tal vote, 219; necessary to a choice,
110; paired and not voting, 34.

Passenger Rate Conference.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
CHICAGO, Ill., March 22.—A special
committee appointed to confer with the
Great Northern leaves for St. Paul to-
morrow. The result, it is said, will
largely determine the question of peace
or war in trans-continental passenger
rates.

Tennessee Troops to Return.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
WASHINGTON, March 22.—The
transport Dixie has been ordered to
proceed at once from New York to
Trinidad to bring home the Fourth
Tennessee Volunteers. General Brooke
has decided to have this regiment in
readiness to embark when the trans-
port arrives.

A Butcher's Huge Debts.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
LOS ANGELES, March 22.—Suit for
sums aggregating \$200,000 were in-
stituted today against Simon Malar and
Joseph Malar by the California Bank.
The suits grew out of the failure of
Simon Malar, who conducted a large
butcher establishment.

River Steamers Burned.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
COLUMBUS, Ga., March 22.—The
river steamers, the Owens, Flint and
Bay City, were destroyed by fire to-
day, the latter with two barges. Loss,
\$40,000, partially covered by insurance.

Smallpox Suspects.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
LOS ANGELES, March 22.—No new
cases of smallpox were reported by the
health officer today. There are sev-
eral suspects reported, which will be
visited this afternoon.

FALSE REPORT OF SHERMAN'S DEATH

The Patient Improving and May Yet Recover.

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The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
SANTIAGO DE CUBA, March 22, 10
a. m.—Mr. Sherman at this hour con-
tinues improving and will be moved
from his cabin on deck this after-
noon for an hour. General Wood was
on board paying a visit to Mr. Sher-
man. The city is full of tourists who
have flocked from the American liner.
POSTPONED HER RECEPTION.
SANTIAGO DE CUBA, March 22.—
Owing to the unauthentic report re-
ceived here from Captain Leigh, the
chief signal officer, regarding the
death of John Sherman, the former
Secretary of State, the weekly recep-
tion of Mrs. Wood, the wife of Gen-
eral Leonard, was postponed yester-
day afternoon.

After the arrival of the American
line steamer Paris at Santiago and
the announcement of the falsity of
the report of the death of Sherman,
word was sent out that Mrs. Wood
would receive. It was too late, how-
ever, to obtain the services of the
band. In spite of this 200 passengers
were present at the reception.

A bulletin issued last night by Mr.
Sherman's physician said the patient
had considerably improved and was
regaining strength.

MAY BE TAKEN TO FLORIDA.
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Mrs.
McCallum, daughter of Hon. John
Sherman, received a telegram today
from Mr. Wilberg, who is accompany-
ing the former Secretary of State on
his tour of the West, announcing Mr.
Sherman's improvement.

The Chicago will probably arrive at
Santiago tonight, and if Mr. Sher-
man and his friends are still of the same
mind will take him aboard and bring
him home.

As to the landing place it is said by
Secretary Long that the commander
of the Chicago, Captain Cooper, will
be guided by the wishes of Mr. Sher-
man's family, and if it is desired that
he be taken to some Florida port, to
avoid danger from a too rapid climatic
change, that course will be adopted.

If the Chicago leaves Santiago to-
morrow according to the present in-
tention, she should reach Tampa, if
that port is selected, by Sunday even-
ing, probably taking the route by
way of Cape Antonio to keep in
smooth water as far as possible.

ITALY FLOUTED BY THE CHINESE.

Demand for Concession at San Mun Bay Refused.

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The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
ROME, March 22.—It is understood
that the Chinese Minister has notified
the Italian government that China re-
fuses the demand for a concession at
San Mun bay.

FRANCE CALLED DOWN.
PEKING, March 22.—The British,
German and United States Ministers
at Peking have addressed notes to the
Tsung Li Yamen demanding a settle-
ment of the Shanghai foreign settle-
ment extension question. The French
Minister, M. Pichon, agreeing to with-
draw the protest of the French Consul
against the extensions on the condition
that portion of the land forming
the immediate hinterland of the recent
concessions.

HE MAY GO TO FLORIDA.

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The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Mr. For-
ter, secretary to the President, has re-
ceived a message from Brunswick, Ga.,
stating that the Presidential party
would leave there at 2 o'clock this af-
ternoon, arriving at Thomasville about
5 o'clock. Whether or not the party
will go to Tallahassee, Fla., is not yet
decided, but it is expected that the
start for Washington will be made ear-
ly next week, arriving here next Tues-
day or Wednesday.

Hero's Son Made a Lieutenant.

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LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 22.—Mel-
ville C. Wilkinson, a young electrical
engineer of this city, has received of-
ficial notification from the War De-
partment of his appointment to be
Second Lieutenant in the army.

Young Wilkinson is a son of the late
Major M. C. Wilkinson, U. S. A., who
was killed last summer while fighting
hostile Indians in Minnesota.

AGUINALDO'S DIRE THREAT TO TAKE MANILA.

He Prepares to Lead a General Attack on the American Forces in a Few Weeks.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
MANILA, March 22.—2 P. M.—While
apparently inactive since Saturday,
really the opposite has been the case
with the American forces.

A reorganization entailing many
changes has been in progress since the
abandonment of the dying column.

General Wheaton's and General
Hale's brigades have not been assign-
ed, but the Oregon regiment, the Ten-
nessee regiment and the Twenty-second
regiment have been concentrated at the
camp on the Luneta, on the water-
front, in readiness for immediate trans-
portation when the plans of the mili-
tary leaders have been formulated.

Our troops are entrenched, and the
situation is practically unchanged.

The enemy has refrained from mak-
ing any attacks recently, and it would
appear that the rebels are saving their
ammunition for a decisive movement.

According to a prisoner captured by
our troops, Aguinaldo has announced
that he will personally conduct the re-
serves at Malolos and march into Ma-
nila within twenty days unless the
Americans withdraw in the meantime.
The concentration of rebel forces in the
vicinity of Malaban gives color to the
statement of the prisoner.

Advices received from Cebu by a
coasting steamer say everything is
quiet there.

The United States transport from
New York arrived here. One child, two
sailors and two privates died on the
voyage, and one man was lost in the
Mediterranean.

THE SOLACE AT MANILA.
WASHINGTON, March 22.—The So-
lace arrived at Manila forty-three days
from Norfolk. This is eleven days less
than it took the Buffalo and is very
fast.

THE SHERMAN ARRIVES.
WASHINGTON, March 22.—General
Otis has cabled the War Department
announcing the arrival of the trans-
port Sherman at Manila. The Sher-
man sailed from New York with the
Third Infantry under command of
Colonel H. P. H. P. The troops are
reported arriving all well and in good
condition.

PROCLAMATION TO NATIVES.
NEW YORK, March 22.—The Jour-
nal's Manila correspondent cables to-
day that the address to the natives of
the Philippine Islands, drafted by the
American Commission in behalf of the
United States Government and em-
bodying the views of the President,
has been made public. After being
translated into all the native dialects
it is to be disseminated throughout the
archipelago.

The address assures the Filipinos
that it is the intention of the Ameri-
cans to develop the powers of self-
government in the Philippines. It ex-
plains that the United States has un-
derstandingly accepted the obligation, which it must
fulfill, to the whole world for the stable
government of the Philippines. The
commission, it is explained, wishes
to interpret to the natives the purpose
of the United States toward them
and also suggests the establishment
of such a government as shall suit
the capacity and requirement of the
Filipinos and be consistent with the
interests of the United States. The
protection of the United States is not
to be exercised in any spirit of ty-
ranny or vengeance, but, having de-
stroyed the Spanish power and ac-
cepted the sovereignty of the islands,
the United States is bound to restore
peace in the Philippine Islands.

To this end all insurgents are in-
vited to lay down their arms and place
their trust in the Government that
emancipated them from the oppression
of Spanish rule.

The majority of commissioners in-
cline toward giving the Filipinos a
sort of tribal or provincial local au-
thority, under a central government,
which shall be military until a pure-
ly civil system is proven to be feasi-
ble.

CUBAN DEATH ROLL.


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WASHINGTON, March 22.—The fol-
lowing has been received at the War
Department:

"HAVANA, March 22.—Adjutant-
General Washington: Death report
19th and 20th: Puerto Principe, Jos.
Schulz, saddler, E. Eighth Cavalry,
20th, typhoid fever; Private Curtis Mc-
Cabe, C. Fifteenth Infantry, 20th, mor-
phine; Santiago, Corporal Chas. Wood,
B. Second Immunes, 18th, fatally hurt,
"BROCKE, Commanding."

Fear San Jose Scale.
Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Mar. 22.—In the
Senate today the San Jose scale bill was
reported from the House and the Senate
refused to concur in the amendments.
The President appointed a committee to
confer with a committee of the House on
the difference between the bill and its
amendments.

All Quiet at Laredo.

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The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
WASHINGTON, March 22.—The War
Department today received a dispatch
from Captain Myers, commanding at
Laredo, Texas, saying that there had
been no further difficulty, and no fur-
ther trouble was anticipated.



CHAS. H. WOOD
CORRECTLY FITTED
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WASHINGTON ST.
OAKLAND.

Much harm is done by men
who sell glasses from house to
house. Remember, they have
but one object to get your
money—you may never see them
again.

Buy your glasses of Reliable,
Permanently Located Opticians.

I AM ONE OF THEM. NO
EXTRA CHARGE FOR
TESTING.

Call in and see THE RAY
CAMERA.

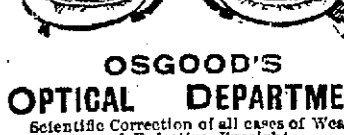
Photo Supplies, Chas. H. Wood,
Developing, and
Printing OPTICIAN.

PORTER AND ALGER.


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The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
PARIS, March 22.—General Porter,
the United States Ambassador, an-
swering the inquiry of a correspondent
of the Associated Press this afternoon,
said he was unable to discuss the ru-
mors to the effect that he may suc-
ceed General Alger as Secretary of
State, as all information ought to come
from Washington.

WILL DINE COL. BRYAN.

Associated Press Dispatches by
The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.
NEW YORK, March 22.—Eugene
Breber, chairman of the Chicago
Platform Democrats' Dinner Com-
mittee, received a telegram from William
J. Bryan today in which he accepts



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POWDER
ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

BELMONT ANSWERS BRYAN. He Says Silver Is a Losing Issue.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. NEW YORK, March 22.—Perry Belmont has given out a postscript to his letter to William J. Bryan in reply to Mr. Bryan's letter declining the invitation to the Croker-Jefferson dinner and questioning Mr. Belmont's Democracy owing to his opposition to the Chicago platform. The postscript is as follows:

"In March, 1896, I protested against the issue of bonds mainly to maintain the endless chain against legislation destroying the existing parity between gold dollars and silver dollars and against any legal tender law discharging with a fifty-cent dollar a valid promise to pay a hundred cents gold dollar. Subsequently, in a public letter, April 6, 1896, to one of my neighbors on Long Island, I contended the 'Sherman-McKinley-Allison' currency plan advocating payment and extinguishment of the greenback debt; that the existing unit of value should be full legal tender, and I contended all 'McKinleyism' wherever it showed its head, whether in coinage, currency, taxation or the tariff. Later, I protested before the Democratic Club against the creation of any money inferior to the dollar in order to regulate any part of the public debt. Although not taking part in the New York Democratic State Convention of June 24, 1896, I united the New York delegation in a protest against the platform and its candidates, as set forth in my telegram of July 29, printed in the New York Herald, as follows:

"The delegation will make a protest, both against the platform and the candidates nominated, of such an emphatic character as to leave no doubt in the minds of the delegates as to the position which the delegation occupies. So far as I am concerned, neither the platform nor the candidates nominated will be supported.

"After the adoption of the platform against which the New York delegation voted, it announced through its chairman upon every subsequent vote taken that it refused to participate in the further proceedings of the convention, thus leaving such delegate its complete freedom of action.

"I attended the Indianapolis convention and supported Palmer as the Democratic nominee. I have no regret in asking you to assume that you deem the money question as presented in the Chicago platform of 1896 as now paramount to all others; that you insist on the inalienability of the coinage ratio of 16 to 1 as a test of Democracy; and that all Democratic voters must line up in 1900 on a Federal statute making every contract illegal which stipulates for the payment in gold. A law to prevent wage earners and salary earners from demanding and securing payment in gold dollars, if they prefer gold dollars, would not be a winning issue."

INSURANCE MEN INDICTED

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 22.—The grand jury of Kenton county at Covington, Ky., returned indictments today against the Home Insurance Co. of New York and forty-two other life insurance companies for "bonding together and fixing and maintaining a higher rate of premium than would otherwise prevail."

The indictment is found under the anti-trust laws of the commonwealth, and the action of the grand jury may end in the exclusion of the insurance companies.

WOMAN SHOTS HERSELF.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Mrs. Meta Harris, the divorced wife of a gambler, attempted to commit suicide today by shooting herself in the head. She was dependent from long illness. Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. Wright, and her niece arrived from Salt Lake City recently and were living with Mrs. Harris. The injury may prove fatal.

FARMERS ENGAGE IN LEGAL BATTLE.

The suit of L. J. Cason against H. Horngate was on trial before Judge Ogden today. The suit arose out of a difference of opinion as to what amount should be paid for some threshing which was done for the defendant. Cason wants \$30, while Horngate offers \$250. The case was decided in the Justice's Court of Eden township for the plaintiff, and is now being tried in appeal. G. S. Langan represents the plaintiff and William Jordan the defendant.

GOLDEN DROPS COME DOWN

The rainfall for the twenty-four hours preceding 1 o'clock today was 1.87 inches, for the month to date 6.59 inches and for the season 16.55 inches. This exceeds the precipitation for last season for the same period by 5.52 inches, the total last year being 11.03 inches. Andrew L. Stone says there has been enough rain in this county for the present.

Treasury Balance.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Today's statement of the condition of the Treasury shows: Available cash, \$242,142,410; gold reserve, \$242,142,410.

MODESTY OF GEN. CORBIN. Declines Appointment as Major General of Volunteers.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. NEW YORK, March 22.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: In the forthcoming army register the first to be issued for more than a year, which will be printed by the War Department by the end of this week, official commendation is given to the record that Brigadier-General Corbin refused to accept a commission as Major-General of Volunteers, which was tendered to him by the President in recognition of his services in the war with Spain.

From the new official register it appears that such a commission was made out for General Corbin on August 31, 1898, and declined. This entry is notably conspicuous in the register, because in the 300 pages of the volume, containing the complete military records of all the officers in the army, there are few similar instances of an appointment by the President having been followed by a declination.

General Corbin, when asked why he did not accept, said: "The number of Brigadier-Generals was limited and needed every one of them in the field. I could not stand in the way of any man who was in the fighting line. I wanted them to have their promotions. My place was here. The law did not specifically provide that the Adjutant-General of the army, large as it had grown to be, should be increased in rank. It did permit an increase of Major-Generals in the line, and I thought the officers of the line should have all the vacancies as long as we needed them."

MRS. KENNEDY ELUDES THE POLICE OFFICERS.

The police have been unable to locate Mrs. C. R. Kennedy, who created such a row in a restaurant yesterday. A warrant was issued for her arrest on a charge of battery preferred by Mrs. Howe.

A sergeant was sent to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon, where the Kennedy divorce case was being argued, but he failed to find the object of his search.

A. C. Kennedy, the woman's husband, made a futile effort to find her last evening, but with no result.

POWDER EXPLOSIONS.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. PARIS, March 22.—According to an official statement regarding the explosion last evening in a laboratory attached to the War Department, it occurred in the course of experiments in mixing gases intended to light railway cars.

Another account said it was due to experiments made for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of the Toulon and Bourges explosions by mixing different kinds of powders, and it shows that the Toulon catastrophe was the result of carelessness.

Seven persons were injured, three of them seriously, by last night's explosion.

A CANDY COMBINE.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. LOS ANGELES, March 22.—It is said here today that Robert Shaw of Chicago, who is here taking inventories of the cracker factories of the Southern California Cracker Company and Bishop & Co. in the interest of cracker trust of the Pacific coast, is also figuring on a candy factory combine and that a new factory will be built here on an extensive plan if arrangements are completed.

HOME FOR WOODMEN

MEMPHIS, Mar. 22.—The Woodmen of the World today passed a resolution for a home for the Sovereign Camp, to cost \$100,000. Ten cities will bid for the location. The sovereign commander's salary is fixed at \$7,500 per annum.

MUCH TROUBLE OVER A VERY SMALL CASE.

Phil Walsh had a case to prosecute in San Leandro yesterday in which the amount involved was fifteen cents.

Recently Thomas Breen and George Morris were inmates of the County Infirmary. Morris borrowed Breen's spectacles and when he left the institution he took them with him. Breen then swore out a warrant charging Morris with embezzlement, stating at the time that the spectacles were worth \$25.

At the trial before Justice Pimental it was ascertained that the spectacles, instead of being gold rimmed, were of ordinary brass. Attorney Walsh then moved a dismissal of the case, which was granted.

No Pardon for Youngers.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 22.—The attempt to secure the pardon of the Younger boys, who are serving life sentences in the penitentiary for their connection with the shooting of a Northfield bank cashier and others, in which the James boys are said to be also concerned, failed today in the State Senate when Senator Wilson failed to amend the parole law so as to permit the Youngers being paroled out of the State came up for final passage and lacked four votes of enough to pass. Senator Wilson was Attorney General and in charge of the prosecution of the trial twenty-five years ago, and hopes yet to receive and pass the bill.

Chance Goes to St. Paul.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 22.—President Gomisky of the St. Paul team has secured Catcher Chance of California to play first base.

SPANISH MAY BE RANSOMED. Phillipine Commission Has Discretionary Powers.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. NEW YORK, March 22.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Major-General Otis and the other members of the Philippine Commission will decide whether or not the ransom of the Spanish prisoners held by Aguinaldo is to be permitted.

As a result of representations by Ambassador Gibson and the National Red Cross, showing the deplorable condition of the prisoners, General Otis will be given power to act after advising with his associates on the commission. The President hopes it may be found possible to obtain the release of the prisoners, but does not wish to give General Otis direct instructions, in view of his former objection on the ground that it would give Aguinaldo means to secure military supplies.

There are said to be about 500 Spanish prisoners, most of them priests, as the Philippines blames the priests for most of the hardships they suffered under Spanish rule, they are particularly inhuman in their treatment of the churchmen.

BRAINED WIFE AND PARAMOUR.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. CUMBERLAND, Md., March 22.—John Jackson of Lonsing and Mrs. Charles Bowman were found in the latter's house at Douglas, W. Va., today. Their heads were crushed in by blows from a bed slat wielded by the woman's husband.

Bowman was arrested here today. He says he found Jackson in his house last night, and jealousy caused him to commit the deed.

HAVANA COMMOTION.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. HAVANA, March 22.—Havana is quiet this morning. An example of the suppressed state of excitement prevailing occurred last night in the case of the Hotel Inglaterra. A peon stole two hats and ran away. The commotion which followed alarmed the crowd, drew revolvers and started for the door. The police, however, succeeded in quieting and dispersing the assembly.

FATAL TRAIN WRECK.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. NEW BOSTON, Mich., March 22.—A rear end collision between two freight trains occurred today on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, the result of a heavy fog. Lewis Hales of Saginaw, fireman, was killed and Joseph Rose of Saginaw, engineer, badly injured. Two brakemen also sustained serious injuries. The damage amounts probably to \$100,000.

BRASS THIEVES ARRAIGNED TODAY.

William Conley and William Halpin, the two former employees of the Southern Pacific Company, who are charged with having stolen a large quantity of brass from the West Oakland yards, were in the Police Court this morning. They were charged with burglary, and their preliminary examination set for March 27th.

It is stated that they broke open a box car and took as much of the contents as they could conveniently get away with.

Henry Drew and John Keate, who are charged with petty larceny for complicity in the same case, will be allowed to plead tomorrow.

Havana Trouble Slight.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. WASHINGTON, March 22.—The War Department has no information concerning the disturbances in Havana. It is said General Brooke has not thought them of sufficient importance to report to the department. For this reason the troubles are not taken as serious and are not taken to mean that there is any revolt against the American government in the islands, but simply disorders that might occur anywhere.

Wright's House to be Sold.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. SAN JOSE, March 22.—Ward Wright's residence was advertised for sale today under judgment and execution. The sale was postponed two weeks by request of the Union Savings Bank. The execution is for about \$4,000 in favor of Frazee Fisher. There is an attachment on the property for about \$4,000 in favor of other parties. The residence is worth materially more than both sums.

The Chicago at Calmanera.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Chicago is at Calmanera, Cuba.

Salisbury Starts for Riviera.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. LONDON, March 22.—The Marquis of Salisbury has started for the Riviera.

PLATT KNOWS OF NO PLOT. Discredits Alleged Plan to Rob Express Company.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. NEW YORK, Mar. 22.—Concerning the story printed here of an alleged plot to rob a United States express car of \$100,000 of Government money which was being shipped to the Hampton National Volunteers Home for the payment of pensions to veterans charged life, Senator Thomas C. Platt told a representative of the Associated Press that he knew nothing about such a conspiracy having been unearthed or frustrated.

Mr. Platt said there had been reported to the officials of the express company, when the money was being prepared for shipment, a vague suspicion that an attempt might be made to hold up the car, but he did not even know what the grounds were upon which the suspicions were based.

He said that so far as he knew, if the rendezvous of the robbers had been discovered, no evidence of an impending plot had been secured against any person whatever, and that of course no arrests were contemplated.

NEW YORK WILL HONOR VICTORIA.

The City Grateful for England's Aid in the War.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. NEW YORK, March 22.—Queen Victoria is likely to receive an unprecedented honor by the city of New York. On May 24, the Queen's birthday, the national, State and city flags will be flung to the breeze from all public buildings in Greater New York in honor of the Queen.

The first resolution to pay this tribute was offered at the meeting of the municipal council and it was passed by a unanimous vote. The resolution declared that an affinity existed between the Anglo-Saxon races; that to the United States substantial aid and moral support were given during the war with Spain, and the city of New York, as a tribute of respect and honor to Queen Victoria, should display the American flags on her birthday.

SENATOR TELLER STILL FOR BRYAN.

Says He Will Be Again Nominated for President.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 22.—Senator H. M. Teller, of Colorado, was asked what in his judgment would be the issue of the next Democratic Presidential campaign.

"I think there is no doubt that the Democratic party will make the financial question its chief issue."

"Who will be the Democratic nominee?"

"Undoubtedly Mr. Bryan will be the choice of his party," promptly replied the Senator.

In regard to W. J. Bryan's contention with Percy Belmont, Senator Teller said:

"I think Mr. Bryan did exactly right in taking the position he did. Those fellows are not Democrats. They are Republicans masquerading under Democratic colors. They opposed Mr. Bryan's election in 1896, saying his election would endanger the nation's welfare, and he did perfectly right in declining to accept their invitation."

M'KINLEY LEAVES JEKILL.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. BRUNSWICK, Ga., Mar. 22.—President McKinley and party left the delights of Jeckyll Island behind early this forenoon and started on the return trip to Thomasville, to complete his stay in the South.

A large part of the island colony, including ex-Secretary Bliss, Thomas Nelson Page, Mr. Steiwer and N. K. Fairbanks of Chicago, boarded the cutter Colfax and steamed out to the harbor with the President to Brunswick, where they bade him farewell. Speaker Reed remained at Jeckyll. The day was fine, warm in the sun, but with a good breeze. The trip on the Colfax gave a good opportunity to show the progress the Government is making in Brunswick harbor with a view of deepening the depth of water to twenty-six feet permanently. The train was awaiting the party, which will leave this afternoon, arriving at Thomasville probably before nightfall.

TWO NEW SUITS FOR DIVORCE.

William W. Bell has brought suit for divorce from Annie M. Bell on the ground of desertion.

Frances B. Nichols has filed suit for divorce from Carl W. Nichols for desertion.

THE FUNERAL OF J. T. CAROTHERS. Simple Services Held at the Harrison Street Home.

The funeral of J. T. Carothers took place from his late residence, 1393 Harrison street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It was simple and unostentatious, being the service provided for in the ritual of the I. O. O. F.

The Masonic quartet, composed of George Carleton, Ben Clark, R. Rollins and Jos. Bangs, sang "Lead Kindly-Light" after which Noble Grand Andrews of Harbor Lodge No. 253, I. O. O. F., read the service.

At the conclusion of the reading of the service the quartet sang "Good Night," which was followed by prayer by the chaplain of Occidental Lodge No. 6, A. O. U. W.

The casket was then borne to the hearse by the following members of the department of the Southern Pacific Company of which deceased was the head: E. C. Carson, B. L. Warren, G. R. McClellan, H. Verrill, Geo. Custer, J. Abbott, George Moffit and John Gray.

The pall bearers were Stephen T. Gage, Charles H. Redington, R. A. Donaldson, Charles E. Snook, Marshall Pierce, M. C. Chapman, W. M. Miller, Geo. B. De Oolla and Edson P. Adams.

Despite the heavy rain there were present a great many friends and fellow employees of the deceased to pay a last tribute to their departed friend.

Although Mrs. Carothers had requested that no flowers be sent, the employees of the baggage department of San Francisco sent over a magnificent set piece, as did also Occidental Lodge of Workmen and the Pacific Transfer Company. A large number of floral pieces were also sent by individuals.

During the services the casket was placed in the library of the new home, which deceased had so little time to enjoy.

Only the family accompanied the remains to Mountain View cemetery. The casket was placed in the marble sarcophagus in which lies the body of the only child of the family, who died several years ago.

There were no services at the grave.

ARRIVAL OF PROF. HARPER.

President William R. Harper of the University of Chicago makes but a flying trip to this coast on the present occasion, it is true, but of this Oakland and its vicinity has its full share. The distinguished scholar arrived this morning by the "Owl" train, on which he was met by his old friend and scholarly colleague, Professor Dickson, at Tracy. By him the visiting President was conducted to the home of President Martin Kellogg, whose guest he is during his stay in Berkeley.

This afternoon President Harper is taken possession of by the students of the State University, whom he addressed in their gymnasium at 3 o'clock. This evening Oakland, in proper person, captures the prize of President Harper's company, and a reception and banquet given him under the auspices of the Baptist Union of San Francisco and the communities around the bay.

A PATENT DECISION.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. PORTLAND, Me., Mar. 22.—In the case of the Adams and Westlake Company of Chicago vs. T. T. Burrows & Co. of Portland, in a suit for infringement on the patent rights for the last three years in the United States Circuit Court, a decision was rendered today by Judge Putnam in favor of the Chicago company in all of its claims. Judge Putnam ordered an injunction and accounting, which it is expected means that Burrows & Co. will have to stop manufacturing the pattern of the carriage, but will have to pay the Chicago company for what they have already made.

SAN LEANDRO LAKE RAISING FAST.

The water in San Leandro lake, which is owned by the Contra Costa Water Company, has raised nine feet during the present storm. Before the storm there were twenty feet of water in the lake.

The last accounts from Temescal lake, owned by the same company, Monday last, was that the water had raised ten feet.

KENNEDY DIVORCE CASE CONTINUED.

The trial of Mrs. C. R. Kennedy's suit for divorce from C. R. Kennedy has been continued two weeks owing to Mrs. Kennedy's absence. She has not been heard from since the warrant for her arrest was issued yesterday.

Estate of Samuel Brown.

Louisa K. Brown has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Samuel F. Brown, deceased. The estate consists of about \$6,000 worth of grain and hay and 500 acres of land in Washington township.

Wants His Money.

John A. Foster has brought suit against E. E. Staples and C. H. Hobart to recover \$500 on a promissory note.

STEARNS BICYCLE.

Agency is now located at 422 Twelfth St. near Broadway. 70 models on exhibition. Starratt Bros.

GRAND JURORS ARE AT WORK. Investigating Affairs at the County Infirmary.

The grand jury was in session today and made an inquiry into the affairs of the County Infirmary. The Board of Supervisors, Dr. W. A. Clark, Superintendent of the Infirmary, and Peter Anderson were among the witnesses summoned before the county censors.

The matter under investigation was as to whether or not the Infirmary was under proper management. Complaints had been made by some of the inmates that they were not receiving proper attention, and that some were given preference over others. It was also complained of that Dr. Clark treated patients outside the Infirmary. Dr. Clark explained to the inquirers that there was no intention of showing a preference to one of the inmates over the other. He stated that the main difficulty arose from the fact that many of the inmates were old and infirm and naturally complained no matter what treatment they received.

Peter Anderson was called in to testify that he had been treated outside of the Infirmary by Dr. Clark.

The Supervisors testified that they had observed the condition of affairs at the infirmary and had found nothing wrong with them. They also stated that the board had given Dr. Clark permission to treat patients outside the Infirmary.

It is probable that the matter will be dropped without further investigation.

NEGROS ISLAND PANIC-STRICKEN.

Natives Threaten to Loot Property of the Spaniards.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. NEW YORK, Mar. 22.—A dispatch to the Herald says: A scare is reported in the island of Negros.

Upward of sixty Spanish refugee planters have arrived at Iloilo and state that a native tribe, 20,000 strong, living on the Negros river, twenty miles south of Bagdad, threaten to destroy the haciendas and crops. They have a few firearms, but are mostly equipped with spears.

Spaniards requested arms from General Miller to defend themselves and their property.

There is no change in the situation here.

The wounded men are recovering.

LATE NOTES FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT.

The sale of a lot on Fourth and Jackson streets belonging to the estate of Walter W. Blow, deceased, has been confirmed. The consideration for the property was \$4,737.70.

The application for the probate of the will of John Edward Burns will be heard in department 4 of the Superior Court on April 10th.

J. A. Folger has been appointed administrator on the estate of Benjamin C. Austin, deceased.

Oscar L. Rogers has filed an exception to the sufficiency of the sureties given in the action of E. G. Cohen against Oscar L. Rogers and others.

Judgment has been rendered for the plaintiffs in the action of Frederick and Annie O. Bahnmann against William H. Knight, as administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Samuels, deceased.

Answer has been filed in the action of Alexander S. and Thomas J. Drals against A. W. Rhodes.

The defendants in the action of D. Lambert against V. Stubenrauch and others have filed a demurrer alleging that the Superior Court has no jurisdiction in the matter.

CARPETS ETC., AT AUCTION.

On Thursday, March 23, '99, at 465 12th St. near Broadway, 1500 yards Moquet, Body Brussels, Tapestry carpets, 500 yds. matting, Linoleum, etc.

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CHANGES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. Resignations Presented at the Meeting Today.

At a meeting of the Police and Fire Commissioners this morning Attorney Emil Nussbaumer appeared before the board on behalf of both the Oakland and Contra Costa Water Companies to show that the water bills recently rejected were legal and should be paid.

Mayor Thomas stated that the bills had been rejected because they were presented under a resolution fixing rates, an action which the Council had no right to take.

Nussbaumer then cited the law on the case.

After considerable discussion the bills, aggregating \$2,106.25 of the Contra Costa Water Company and \$2,516.30 of the Oakland Water Company were passed on the vote of Thomas and Clement. Now voting no. The following communication from Chief N. A. Ball was referred to the Committee of the Whole:

"I respectfully recommend that Geo. Driscoll, extramural on Engine Co. No. 6, be removed for neglect of duty and that E. Barry be appointed to fill said position."

"Also that J. Heany be appointed extramural on Engine Co. No. 6, vice W. J. Maron, deceased."

"Also that Charles Harrington be appointed extramural on Engine Co. No. 1, vice the resignation of Wm. Hurll as extramural on Truck No. 1."

"Also that W. J. McGuinness, extramural on Engine No. 1, be promoted to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. Barnitt, driver of Horse No. 2, and that J. J. McCarthy be appointed extramural on Engine Co. No. 1. Respectfully,

"N. A. BALL, Chief Engineer."

The resignation of William Hurll as extramural of truck No. 1, and E. J. Barnes as driver of Horse Company No. 3, were accepted, and the appointment of successors was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following communication from Chief Engineer Ball was referred to the Committee of the Whole:

"I beg leave to report to you that Assembly bill No. 42 (a certified copy of which is hereby attached) has become a law, and that your honorable body take suitable action to have an ordinance passed by the City Council creating the positions of four substitute drivers at \$5 per month, and one engineer at \$100 per month, to properly carry out the provisions of said bill, commencing July 1, 1899."

The bill referred to requires that once every twelve months a roster of permanent members of the fire department be given a leave of absence from active duty of not less than five days nor more than ten days in each year, and in addition thereto a leave of absence from active duty of two days in every month of such service.

This law, if enforced, will make considerable extra expense to the city.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Board of Public Works met. The Council resolution requesting the Board not to award the contract for the construction of gates at Twelfth street dam, on account of lack of funds in the city treasury, together with the bids for said work, were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Election Bills.

City Clerk Tompkins has given notice that the bills of election officers for the recent election will be ready on the 24th. Auditor Snow wishes it stated that he will have finished with the bills on April 1st.

Died

BRADYRYN—In this city, March 22, 1899, Wyndham Banning, beloved son of Philip and May Banning, a native of Oakland, aged 1 year, 5 months and 16 days. The funeral will take place FRIDAY, March 24, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence, 253 Telegraph avenue. Interment private, Mountain View Cemetery.

McKAY—In this city, March 21, 1899, Edward McKay, a native of Ireland, aged 68 years.

PEARSON—In this city, March 22, 1899, Isaac Newton Pearson, a native of Missouri, aged 63 years, 8 months and 8 days.

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WITH AMATEURS IN LOCAL CLUBS.

Sports Are Now Booming at Reliance and Acme Rooms.

Eureka and Y. M. C. A. Men Are At Work.

Amateur sports are now receiving considerable attention by the local athletic clubs. The professional fighter and fakir has been sidetracked and it is well for the clubs that such action has been taken. The professional boxer is always a fakir and he has no place among the amateurs. The local athletic clubs are now doing quite well and they are making things interesting for the members. Gossip of interest concerning the home clubs will be found following:

The Umpire.

Sunday is the day for the opening of the baseball season. The San Francisco and Oakland teams will be the contestants and a large time is anticipated.

The Oakland grounds have been thoroughly overhauled and those who have played there pronounce them as good as any in the State. The completion of the electric line out San Pablo avenue will make the transportation facilities all that could be desired.

The prospects for an active season in baseball are exceptionally good and with good team and first class grounds Oakland will cut quite a figure in the league contest this year.

Not since 1895 have the prospects for cycling been as bright as at the present time. The abundance of rain and consequent assurance of good crops has had something to do with it. At any rate the dealers announce a fine trade up to date.

There are more people on the road Sundays than has been the case for two years. The clubs are arranging for big joint runs and the indications all point to an active season.

From a racing standpoint there will be little but amateur racing on either track or road. The purchase of a track by the Olympic Club will have a tendency to boom the sport on the other side of the bay, while on this side the excellent road and fine scenery make touring an enjoyable pastime while the track at Elmhurst will serve to keep the racing men interested.

Arrangements are being made for an opening meet to take place in April at which the principal feature will be an unlimited pursuit race between Phil Rosenheim of the Reliance Club and O. T. Smith, the Acme Club grinder. This will make an excellent contest and will be a fitting event for the opening of the racing season.

The action of the Acme Club in placing the stamp of disapproval on professional boxers and their methods is approved. Henceforth the club will promote amateur contests entirely and an extra inducement will be offered for aspiring youngsters to train for these contests.

The result of this will be the development of much more local talent and a natural increase in club membership. After two years' experience with the professional boxers the Olympic Club returned to the amateur with good results and the local club makes no mistake by following in the footsteps of San Francisco's big club.

A New York court has decided that the bicycle must be recognized as an adequate method of transportation in cities and that municipalities must provide roads on which wheelmen can travel in safety. The action was based on an accident to a bicyclist, caused by a hole in the pavement, about two squares and five inches deep. As this could be passed over in safety by trucks and carriages the city contended that it was not liable and that the plaintiff rode over the defective spot in the pavement at his own risk. It was contended further that the city could not keep the streets deep at all points for bicyclists and that any person using a bicycle on them must exercise a higher degree of care than a driver. But the plaintiff insisted that cities must keep pace with civilization and, after an appeal, the higher court has so held.

It is little things like this that give encouragement to the enlightened advocate of good roads and highways. The army of wheelmen represents so large a proportion of the tax-payers of this country that civilization will not be allowed to balk at the improvement of highways.

THE UMPIRE.

Reliance Club.

Jellett brothers defeated Eagan and Mahoney in the last game of the inter-

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wrestling this season, and a number of matches will be put on later. Paul Carroll, wrestling instructor, is bringing out a number of good ones, who, he says, will prove themselves O. K. if given an opportunity.

Another pool tournament is being arranged for, to take place about the 1st of April. Entries are now being made. There will be three handsome prizes given in the pool tournament.

A novelty in the form of a summer camp is to be tried this year. At some convenient spot where the men can ride out on their wheels and remain over night, a large tent or number of tents will be erected and a club headquarters established. Here the boys will spend the summer nights, telling stories and playing games. Sunday outdoor games will be indulged in.

A track team is under formation, and when completed promises to look formidable. A few years ago members of the club held a number of coast championship ships, and there is a determination in the matter to get back into line, and the team will no doubt be heard from ere the summer is passed.

Otto Hesse and Peter Duval, who won the trials in the 2000 yard race, are in the line for their goes on the 25th inst. They have been getting in good condition for some time, and they will enter the ring one week from tonight full of ginger and confidence.

Dave Mann, Ben Boldt, Horby Hanlin and Richard Beatty, all at Manila, have sent a message to the club, conveying their best wishes to their friends.

Some time next month the club minstrel show will be given in Pleasanton for the benefit of the Bohemian Athletic Club of that city.

Sunday, April 9th, will practically be the opening day for the cyclists, as that will be the first big run. The occasion will be a joint run by the Athletics of Alameda and the Garden City Western of San Francisco. The objective point will be Centerville, where a fine chicken dinner will be served at the Gregory House.

After dinner there will be impromptu races and baseball and other games will be indulged in. This savors of the old days of the early days, when a club run would be good for from 15 to 25 riders.

Eureka Athletes.

A great change has been made in the Eureka Club quarters in the last two weeks. A number of partitions have been removed to enlarge the gymnasium and locker and bath rooms. The building has been put in good condition and is now a credit to the club.

The placing of showers in the bath rooms is a great improvement and one that will be appreciated. The enlargement of the main room to make ample room for dancing or other parties was a good move.

In the gymnasium a great change has been made. The partition between the gymnasium and the hand-ball court has been taken out, doing away with the court and adding that much more room for gymnastic apparatus. A great deal of new apparatus has been provided, and the club now has ample facilities for conducting its business in a very satisfactory manner.

The completion of these alterations will be celebrated by giving a grand ball and supper Saturday evening, April 1st.

Although there are no definite plans at present, it is the intention of a number of the members to get themselves in condition for competition with members of other clubs this season. They feel that if the proper condition they should be able to hold their own.

The club's baseball team will soon be in condition to play any of the amateur teams of the State. Nearly all of last year's Eurekaans belong to the club, and the club is a strong body. A great deal of George Harris, the best amateur wheelman, will ride north under the colors of the Eureka Athletic Club. He is fast, and will doubtless do well in the local events.

Basket Ball.

A large crowd filled the gallery of the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association last evening to witness the basketball game between the Athletics of Oakland and the Rushers of San Francisco.

The game was a lively one, and full of interest from start to finish. Inside of the first five minutes of the first half the Athletics threw three goals, but after that the Rushers got down to work and made a good share of the points.

Twenty minute halves were played. At the end of the game the score stood 15 to 14 in favor of the Athletics.

In the first half Red, West and Lancaster threw two goals each for the Athletics. Shaw two and Gulliver and Hansen one each for the Rushers. In the second half Lausten of the Athletics threw two goals from the field and one on a free throw. Shaw of the Rushers threw two goals from the field.

Referee, S. C. Bennett; umpires, K. A. Kerr of Oakland and C. J. Aeger of San Francisco; scorer, Dave Roelin; timer, Seymour Phelan.

Hospital Cases.

The following cases were treated at the Receiving Hospital:

James Gallagher was treated for a lacerated scalp wound caused by falling on the sidewalk while intoxicated.

Isadore Cohen, aged 4 years, residing at 264 Fourth street, was treated for a lacerated scalp wound caused by eating cayenne pepper.

John M. Vay, a peddler, was treated for a bruised side, caused by a fall.

Josie Bosacocci, a school girl, aged 8 years, was treated for a swollen wrist.

Case Dismissed.

As no complaint has been filed in the case of Thomas Sheridan it was stricken from the calendar of the court. Sheridan was accused of creating a disturbance on a Grove street car Sunday night.

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MERCHANTS ARE FOR PROGRESS.

Measures Discussed at Meeting of the Exchange.

The Merchants' Exchange held a meeting last evening with the following directors present: President Geo. W. Arper, Secretary Wilbur Walker, Theo. Gier, H. D. Cushing, Fred Sinclair, H. D. Corvinn, J. L. Champin, D. C. Brown, J. F. W. Sohst, W. V. Witche, F. M. Gard, F. J. Lee, E. Muhr, F. M. Farwell.

The report of the committee on the mutual fire insurance bill was called for. Mr. Walker stated that he had received the report of the vote from Sacramento showing that the measure had been lost by five votes. Sixteen Senators voted for the measure when it was necessary to get twenty-one for it to pass. He explained that Senators Taylor and Leavitt, upon whom they had depended, had been absent when the vote was taken.

President Arper stated that the report showed favorable progress and that hopes might be entertained of ultimate success. The committee was then discharged.

H. D. Cushing reported for the committee appointed to confer with the Board of Health in regard to enforcing pure food laws. He stated that the committee had conferred with that body and had received assurances from Drs. Crowley and Dunn of support in any steps that might be taken in the matter. Mr. Cushing stated that he thought it would be a good idea to get labels printed to be put on all canned goods. The merchants could pay for the printing of the labels and save money by so doing.

Mr. Walker read a communication from Senator Stratton in regard to the consolidation proposition. Mr. Stratton stated that from the present outlook consolidation seemed to be impossible, as the State laws were not favorable to it.

Mr. Sohst then made a motion that the secretary be instructed to write a letter to William Sexton of the Farmers' Fund Insurance Company asking him why the insurance rates in this State were on an average of 147 percent while in New York 67 percent, in Illinois 53 percent and in Pennsylvania 40 percent.

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munication from Craigie Sharp, secretary of the Board of Trade. In it was stated that E. A. Heron and Frank Scott had been appointed a committee to confer with the president of the Merchants' Exchange in regard to tendering a reception to Senator George O. Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Witche it was decided to have President Arper confer with the committee from the Board of Trade and report back to the Exchange.

The meeting then adjourned.

MEETING AT THE PACIFIC SEMINARY.

The Theological Society of the Pacific Seminary held its monthly meeting at the Seminary last night. President Rev. F. H. Foster in the chair. The feature of the evening was a masterly paper read by Rev. Prof. H. C. Minton on "Authority in Religion," to which Prof. G. H. Howison made a brief reply.

Prof. Minton was called upon by the president to answer Prof. Howison, and though he expressed a desire to have some one else take a hand in the discussion, he put in the few minutes remaining before adjournment in defending the argument which Prof. Howison challenged. The latter, whose mental alertness much resembles General Joe Wheeler's physical activity on the battlefield, interjected some questions and statements that would have floored a less skillful and resourceful debater than Prof. Minton. But they were answered in a good-humored, give-and-take fashion that left no one about even.

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THEY FOUGHT TO THE DEATH.

James Gilligan Fatally Stabs John Epperson During a Quarrel.

John Epperson, former jockey and race horse owner, was fatally stabbed last evening in the office at 1113 Broadway, by James J. Gilligan. The murder occurred in the same place where, two years ago, Deputy Constable Dennis Cronin was killed.

Epperson was a part owner of Texarkana and Besse Lee, while Gilligan was a horse rubber. The men had a quarrel, and Epperson was stabbed in the jugular vein as he was beating the boy.

Monday night the two had a dispute over a card game. Harsh names were called, but trouble for the time being was averted. Last night they met again in the saloon run by Kennedy & Dufur, which is near the track entrance. Words passed between them, and after being separated once the men came together again in a fist fight. Epperson is a powerful man, and it was an easy matter for him to throw the boy to the floor. He was beating him into insensibility, when Gilligan, drawing a penknife, slashed his assailant's neck, severing the jugular vein.

The wound was apparently a slight one, and Epperson treated the matter lightly. The cut itself was less than an inch in length. However, within a very short time, Epperson was dead and Gilligan had made himself scarce, going to San Francisco, where he was caught later, at the home of his father, Michael Gilligan, 1113 Baker street.

A FEW SECRETS.

Epperson was a native of London, Canada, aged 32 years. From letters found on his person it is judged that he had evidently regarded Granite, Mont., as his home. One of these letters was signed by "Rosa Epperson," presumably his wife, written at Granite. Another letter is from Policeman Jack Sherry of the Oakland force, and relates to a race horse, Texarkana, in which Sherry, George Bowley and deceased were interested. In a small note book was found jotted down the expenses for keeping of the horses Texarkana and Besse Lee, and these items were written beneath an apparent first name of Sherry & Epperson.

As to the antecedents of the deceased, all kinds of rumors are heard. By some Epperson was regarded a dangerous man on a hunt for the murderer. The authorities in San Francisco were notified, and a watch was put on the home of the murderer. Policeman Aiken caught the boy as he was leaving the house. At first he denied his identity, but later admitted he was the person wanted.

Gilligan is about 23 years of age, and is remarkably well possessed. He shows the result of his fight with Epperson, his face being considerably bruised up. In giving his version of the tragedy, Gilligan said:

GILLIGAN'S STORY.

"The cutting was the result of a row Epperson and I had last summer in Butte City, Mont. He was beating an innocent stable boy, when I interfered. He then started to assault me, and in the struggle that followed I nearly put him out."

"When we met last evening I was with a stable boy named Tommy Brennan. I had Brennan in the arm, intending to take him to the train, as he was anxious to return to San Francisco to see some of his friends. As soon as Epperson saw us he walked up to us and with an oath dragged Brennan away from me. I expostulated with him, when he struck me, knocking me down. As I lay prostrate he repeatedly kicked me in the head and body. A prize fighter, who is known as Spike Sullivan, thinking he intended to kick me to death, took a hand at this juncture and dragged Epperson away from me. I walked into the rear room of the saloon to wash the blood off my face, when I heard Epperson declare that I was no good and that he was going to look me every time he met me. There was a small knife or the shelf in the room, and picking it up I determined to defend myself. As I emerged from the rear Epperson started after me, openly intending to again assault me, when I raised the knife and stabbed him in the neck. I then ran from the place and took the first train for this city. Knowing that the police would be after me, I went to my home on Baker street in his other goods, and then attempts to leave the city. Just as I was emerging from the house I was surprised to find a police officer waiting for me. I first tried to deny my identity, but as he seemed convinced that I was the right man I finally admitted the truth. I am sorry for Epperson, but as he was determined to do me in I had to protect myself, and used the knife with fatal effect."

Detective Hodgkins brought the prisoner on Oakland on the last boat last evening. H. J. Dufur, one of the proprietors of the office saloon, made the following statement to Sheriff Rogers:

"Gilligan and Epperson came to my place about 5 o'clock this evening and had drinks. Soon they began quarreling. Then they went to a lot near by and had a scrap, Epperson coming out ahead. They again stepped into my saloon and drank together, and the next thing I knew both were on the floor, Epperson on top. I went and separated them. When Epperson told me that his jugular was cut I placed him in a chair and Gilligan walked out. I did not see any weapon. A few minutes after placing him in the chair he was dead. We did not think at first that he was very seriously hurt. This wound is only about an inch long, but it did the work."

An inquest on the remains of Epperson will be held tonight. The killing of Epperson is the third murder at Emeryville. Two years ago, Deputy Constable Dennis Cronin, a man of family, was shot outside the office saloon by James Bryan, a lad who is now in San Quentin. Some time later J. H. Raessie, a mason, was discovered on the railroad tracks at Emeryville, horribly murdered. An investigation showed that the man had been murdered before being placed on the track, but the murderer was never found.

DOUBT ABOUT THE MARRIAGE OF A COUPLE.

There is a fight in progress in San Rafael between Justice of the Peace Rodden and City Recorder Gardner as to who has the right to perform marriage ceremonies. The Justice claims the Recorder cannot officiate in a marriage ceremony and the Recorder says he can, and that he is determined to do so. As a consequence of this difference of opinion, Mr. Albert Boynton Chase, son of George Chase of 202 East Ninth street in this city, and Miss Deane, a bride Josephine Perkins of 1115 West street in this city, are in doubt as to whether they are husband and wife or respectively, because they were married recently by Justice of the Peace Peace Gardner, whose right to do so has been questioned by City Registrar Rodden. The parents of the young couple, with the young people, are now in San Rafael trying to have the matter settled in a legal manner.

SUPERIOR COURT DECISION REVERSED.

Judge Harrison of the Supreme Court has reversed the decision of the Superior Court of this county in the case of Tozer against George and others.

The suit was brought to determine the amount due on a contract for the purchase of land. The Supreme Court held that the complaint was faulty in that it did not allege the amount already paid nor whether the defendant was in default when the suit was brought. It was also held that the judgment of the Superior Court was in excess of the claim preferred and that the demurrer to complaint should have been sustained.

J. H. Lucas represented the respondent, and George E. De Golia the appellant.

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NOTE THE NAME.

STRUGGLE FOR PATRONAGE BY CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council will meet again tonight to complete the canvass of the votes cast at the late city election. It will then take an adjournment, probably till tomorrow night or Monday, when it will approve of the minutes of the meeting on Monday night, as also of the record of the canvass, which will cover about fifteen pages, after which it will adjourn sine die.

The Council-elect will then enter upon the discharge of its duties. Before the new Board assembles, however, a great deal of work will have to be performed. The body will have to be organized by the selection of the chairman, and there will have to be a settlement as to the chairmanships of the several committees and the memberships of the same. This has not been done as yet and will not be done until the Councilmen-elect meet in conference and such a meeting will not take place till next week. It is expected there will be lively times at the conference because nearly all of the members of the new legislative body feel they have the same right to recognition in the apportionment of patronage, and there will be a scramble, and sub-commissions will be formed with a view to securing as much patronage as possible with which to reward friends.

Rumors are flying thick and fast as regards the new Board. There is no doubt, however, that the presidency of the new Council will go to Councilman Rowe. He is not averse to accepting the position, and his present associates and the new members say that his services in the past entitle him to this distinction.

There has been some talk to the effect that Mr. Barstow aspired to the presidency of the Council. By way of demonstrating in nomination for presiding officer and the vote in Rowe's behalf will be unanimous.

The activity which Mr. Cuvelier has displayed during his incumbency has put him to the front for the position of chairman of the Judiciary or Fire and Water Committee, which latter

this year will make another and more exhaustive inquiry into the subject of the water supply. Mr. Barstow will probably be given the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee in the event of the Water Committee going to Mr. Cuvelier.

Mr. Girard's name has been mentioned with the chairmanship of the Street Committee, but that gentleman is averse to accepting the position. He would not, however, be opposed to the License Committee. At the same time he wishes to be as free as possible to look after the interests of his section of the city.

The extensive territory included in the Second ward has made this a difficult job since annexation. The labor, however, will now be divided between Charles Kramm, Councilman-at-large, is a resident of that district.

Felton Taylor will be chairman of the Committee on Street Railroads, Mr. Upton on Auditing and Finance, Mr. Pitt on Public Improvements, Mr. Charles Kramm on the Street Committee, there is quite a struggle, and no one may tell to whom it will go. It is understood that Mr. Schaffert wants it, but there is a desire to give it to the chairman of the Wharves and Water Front Committee.

FREE VACCINATION FOR THE CHILDREN.

At the last meeting of the Board of Education a communication was read from Health Officer Dunn advising the board that Los Angeles was experiencing an epidemic of small-pox. The letter urged the board to take such action as would head off any possibility of the dread disease getting a foothold in the public schools of this city should it spread thence.

When seen yesterday Superintendent McClymonds said he could not anticipate the school board and could not state what its action would be. He said, however, that in the past, in a case like this, the board had provided free vaccination for those children whose parents were willing that they should be vaccinated. It had been customary also, he said, to not enforce the exclusion of pupils not vaccinated, until an epidemic had been announced by the Board of Health.

GRAIGIE SHARP AS AN EDITOR.

The publication known as "The Associated Charities," which is issued monthly by the organization of that name, appears enlarged for the current month and is filled with an amount of reading matter which will be of interest to members of the association and others who are devoted to charitable work. The editorial conduct of the publication has been assumed by Craigie Sharp, who will edit the same time long after the business features of the enterprise. Mr. Sharp donates his time and effort in this respect to the Associated Charities with the hope of making the publication a source of revenue to the association as well as a means of bringing to the attention of the public the purpose and work of the society.

ADDITIONAL CARRIERS FOR THE POST OFFICE.

It has been announced by Postmaster William H. Friend that by July 1st residents of the annexed territory, including Golden Gate and Temescal, will probably have a free delivery service. The attention of the Inspector in charge of this district has been called to the fact that since the annexation the local office needed more carriers. In a recent letter from the First Assistant Postmaster-General, Postmaster Friend was requested to consider the condition of the Oakland office. The letter recommended the addition of two mounted carriers to the force already employed. It also stated that the branch office of Ninth street and Broadway would be kept open.

INCORPORATION OF JAMES EVA ESTATE.

The James Eva estate has incorporated with a capital stock of \$300,000. The company will engage in a general manufacturing, mining, milling, mercantile, mechanical, banking and commercial business in all its branches. The business office of the corporation will be in San Francisco. The subscribers to stock are as follows: Samuel J. Eva, \$80,000; James M. Eva, \$60,000; Thomas V. Eva, \$80,000; Lila M. Eva, \$50,000; Frederick C. Clift, \$10,000, and Frederick C. Clift as trustee, \$50,000.

TWO BEGGARS SENT TO THE COUNTY JAIL.

The police and Police Court officials intend to put a stop to begging on the streets. As a result of this two beggars were sent to the county jail. James Kepler pleaded guilty and received a thirty-five days' sentence. James D. Clark was given five days in the city prison for vagrancy and thirty days in the county jail for begging. He pleaded that if he begged he was so drunk he did not know it. His talk did not save him.

Street Openings.

An extra clerk is engaged in Street Superintendent Miller's office sending out notices to property owners assessed for the effect that the sale of property for delinquent assessments will begin on or about April 1st.

In the cemetery clock opening there is a delinquency of over \$8,000. No payments have been made since the 16th inst. The sale of property for delinquents will take place on the 30th inst.

An Eastern Visitor.

Joseph W. Balobradsky of St. Louis, Mo., is spending a few days in this city in the interests of W. J. Lemp's Brewing Company. He is also incidentally visiting some of his friends. Before returning to St. Louis Mr. Balobradsky will visit the principal cities of the State. He expressed himself well pleased with the California climate.

Sent to Reform School.

Thomas Richards, a 12-year-old boy of Berkeley, has been committed to the Preston School of Industry at Ione by Judge Ogden. The boy has stolen money on several occasions. His step-mother asked for his commitment.

FEW CHANGES IN THE FIGURES.

Council Will Complete Canvass This Evening.

The canvass of the vote cast at the late city election was resumed last night by the City Council, all the members save Mr. Honoreberry being in attendance. The tellers of Monday evening, Messrs. Brogan, Rowe and Earl, acted in the same capacity. Colonel Thomas F. Garrity was represented by J. E. McElroy, while L. S. Church and Charles Snook acted as counsel for R. M. Clement. Both Mr. Clement and Mr. Miller, rival candidates for City Engineer, were present and watched the canvass with a great deal of interest. Mr. Dow, City Attorney-elect, aiding Mr. Miller in his survey of the returns. Outside of the position of City Engineer, sought by Messrs. Miller and Clement, interest was manifested in any of the other offices, because the returns already published showed that there was a chance for a contest in only the position of City Engineer.

The canvass began in the First precinct of the Third ward, the First and Second wards having been canvassed on Monday night. There was quite a number of changes made in the votes of the minor candidates from the showing made in the newspapers, but they will have no effect upon the nominees who have been announced as having had enough votes to elect.

The principal changes of the evening were made in the cases of Mr. Clement and Mr. Dow. In the Second precinct of the Fourth ward Mr. Clement in the tally sheet received 114 instead of 113 votes, thus losing five votes and cutting his majority from 26 according to one published statement, and 25 according to another, to 21 or 20 as the case may be.

That was the standing of Messrs. Clement and Miller when the canvass was discontinued at midnight, at the close of the tally sheet of the First precinct of the Seventh ward. At that time only the Ninth precinct of the Seventh ward remained to be canvassed. It was at first intended that that precinct also should be examined, and all the returns would have been passed upon. It was apparent, however, that the total number of ballots for each candidate could not have been ascertained without continuing the session until an early hour this morning, to give Deputy Clerks Holman and Ramsey a chance to make the tallies. The point, however, was raised, if all the returns should be canvassed, it would require the result to be declared at the same session. To save an all night's work, both for the Council and the Clerks, therefore, the canvass of the last precinct of the Seventh ward was deferred until tonight, when the result of the election will also be declared.

The loss sustained by Mr. Dow was a minor one. The published reports gave him 114 votes in the First precinct of the Seventh ward, while the tally sheet gave him only 114 votes, a reduction which could not endanger his election.

The principal feature of the evening's work was the delay and, for about three hours, of an hour the suspense which followed an irregularity in the Sixth precinct of the Sixth ward, the polls of which were located at the Galindo Hotel, was great.

When the package, of the precinct in question was opened it was discovered that it contained no tally sheet in it. Chairman Heilmann summoned Captain Morrison from the City Prison, informed him of the fact and instructed him to bring John Conley and H. L. Davis, the inspectors of that precinct, before the Board and have the question what had become of the missing sheet.

A recess of thirty minutes was taken to enable the inspectors to be produced. The officers of the precinct in question were as follows: J. Tracy and Harry Kaufman, clerks; William W. Felt, J. C. Joslyn, ballot clerks; J. Conley, H. L. Davis, inspectors; Leopold Salma and James Mackelt, judges.

This missing tally sheet caused Mr. Miller much trouble, as a consequence, if the vote of the precinct could be shown out, it would "put him in swimming." The vote for the principal candidates in that precinct was as follows: Davis 102, Snow 4, Dow 4, Garrity 153, Clement 187. In the Sixth precinct of the Sixth ward Mr. Miller received 117 votes and Miller 32 votes. If these votes were cast out it would mean a loss of so many votes to each of the candidates. The loss, however, for Clement would be the heavier by 35 votes. Assuming that there would be no change in the vote for those candidates in the Sixth ward, the major vote which Clement was credited up to the time of the discovery of the irregularity in the Sixth precinct of the Sixth ward would be offset by the benefit Miller would receive by the superior loss of 35 votes in the precinct in question. This gives Miller a majority of four and perhaps five votes all over the city.

City Clerk Tompkins, however, declared that the precinct vote could not be thrown out, even though the missing tally sheet was in the precinct, the major vote could be counted in an emergency. Just about the time the recess was declared at an end, Sergeant Green of the police force appeared and stated that Captain Swain had informed him the officers had gone to the address given as the residences of two precinct officers, and that the parties sought could not be found. Conley was in San Francisco and Davis had never resided at the number given.

The Council was reconvened, and the missing tally sheet, which had caused all the trouble, was found, and the major vote of the precinct, which had not been used.

The canvass of the precinct was then proceeded with, no change being found in the sheet as compared with the published accounts.

WORK OF THE ENDEAVORERS.

Preparing for the Big Convention to be Held in May.

At the meeting of the '99 Christian Endeavor Committee last evening the following resolution was adopted: "Be it resolved, That this committee grant no concessions for printing of official programs except to Pacific Christian Endeavorers."

This action explains itself. It is all that the '99 convention can do to prevent indiscriminate appeals to the merchants for advertisements to be printed in any unauthorized but so-called official program. There will be but one official program. That will be issued in a special number of the State Magazine, the Pacific Christian Endeavorer. Bound with the program will be the convention songs. One copy will be given to each duly accredited delegate. The general public can obtain copies for ten cents. A limited number of advertisements will appear in this edition, but they will be solicited by and under the entire control of Secretary E. E. Bates of the State Union. Any other issue is not in any sense official nor under the patronage of C. E. workers.

Besides the above important action the secretary was authorized to order 4,000 badges for the delegates. The State Union recommends that the committee prepare for four thousand delegates, instead of three thousand, the number previously estimated. Interest in the convention evidently is increasing. The exact nature of the badge, however, is a profound secret. The '99 committee has been wrestling with this subject for four meetings without success. Mr. Suhn, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Webster and Mr. Gaylord had special work of importance to report and all showed progress.

Mr. Wanstell is bound to have Oakland in gala dress May 18th and is planning to use as far as possible the State coat of arms and gold in the streets, and for exterior decorations, while the national colors and palms will be used in the old Tabernacle.

WOMAN MAY DRINK IN LOS ANGELES SALOONS.

A dispatch from Los Angeles says: "When the Police Commission met this morning Mayor Eaton, as ex-officio chairman, presided. The same old fight over saloon licenses and infractions came up. At one stage of the proceedings Mayor Eaton started the session by declaring in a resonant voice:

"A woman has as much right as a man to go into a saloon and get a drink if she wants to, but we shall insist that she go in the same room as the men use and drink in the same room as the men use."

The Mayor said that if the Board intended to enforce the "one entrance" rule on drinking places a beginning might as well be made with each place that had been complained against. A disorderly nondescript for disreputable females and characterless men. In reply to one offender the Mayor said: "You must close up every door but the front door of your saloon."

"When an officer was giving testimony he was cut short by Commissioner Packer, who said:

"We don't want any opinions from officers. All we want from them is facts, and we will form the opinions."

"The saloon men, who feel a gradual tightening of the law's grip, are not jubilant."

Court Notes.

A demurrer has been filed in the action of D. Lambert against George E. Bates and others.

John B. Redfield has filed a claim of \$220 against the estate of Charles H. Eastman, deceased.

The Union Savings Bank has filed a claim of \$1,760.53 against the estate of Caleb Sadler, deceased, and one against the estate of C. H. Eastman, deceased, for \$3,030.20.

Thomas Hardwick has presented a claim against the estate of George E. Bates, deceased, for \$5,733.77.

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Theodore Stone Hansen, San Francisco, 24.
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William Louis Luther Nall, San Francisco, 21.
Annie Corry, San Francisco, 21.

Death From Blood Poisoning.

The coroner's jury in the case of Iva Raven, who died at the Receiving Hospital Monday under peculiar circumstances, brought in a verdict last night of death due to blood poisoning.

Geary's Expenses.

John Geary has filed an expense account of his campaign, showing that he paid out \$35.

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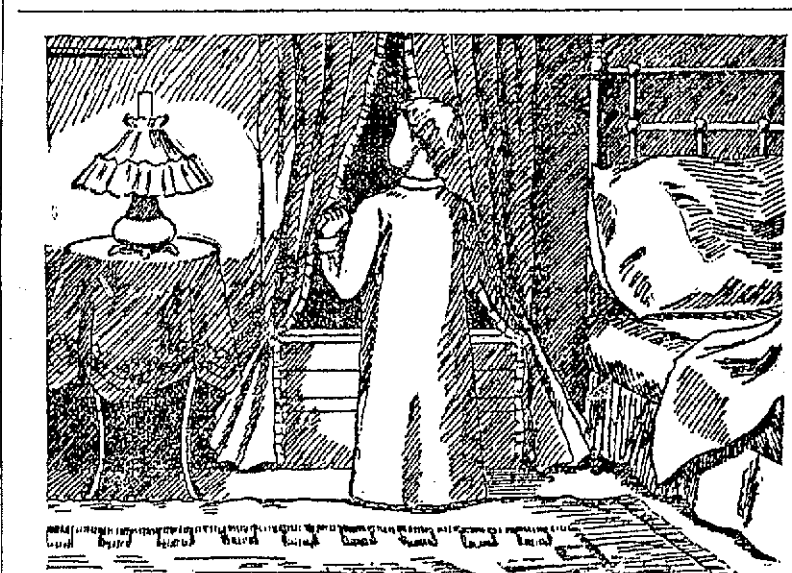
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A new style racket containing TEN RIFLE TABLETS in a paper carton (without glass) is now for sale at some drug stores—50c per box. This improved set is intended for the poor and the economical. One dozen of the present edition (100 Tablets) can be had by mail, by sending forty-eight cents to the RIFLE TABLETS CO., 100 East 10th Street, New York—on a single order. This racket will be sent for five cents. RIFLE TABLETS may also be had of grocers, general stores, drug stores and liquor stores and barber shops.

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